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#### **A. Statement of Activity or Product**

This project would fund six OHV non-law enforcement seasonal park rangers, medical supplies, and rescue buggy maintenance which will assist in providing emergency medical services to off highway visitors in the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA).

The OHV seasonal park rangers duties include, but are not limited to, patrol, emergency medical services / rescue, maintenance, and visitor contacts for voluntary compliance. Each year, the BLM provides training to this staff which may include, but not limited to, First Responder, EMS protocols, GPS, 4x4, radio protocols,, report writing, etc.

Medical supplies are provided to staff and volunteers who provide emergency medical services and rescue to OHV visitors in the ISDRA.

The BLM rescue buggies (sand rails) are high maintenance specialty vehicles. The BLM performs routine maintenance and repairs on them to ensure reliable operation the entire visitation season.

#### **B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation**

The Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) is the most popular Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) area in the southwest United States. It encompasses the most intensley visited recreational area in the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA). Visitation can reach peaks of over 150,000 people per weekend during winter holidays and an annual total of over 1.2 million. The primary recreational use is camping and the use of OHVs. It provides a unique, world-class recreation opportunity for ATVs, motorcycles, dune buggies, RUVs, 4x4 vehicles, and more. This project will enhance emergency medical services for off highway vehicle visitors in the ISDRA thus helping to provide a safe and quality experience.

#### **C. Identification of Needs**

BLM/EMS personnel assist Imperial County by utilizing Emergency Medical Technicians and First Responders for emergency and non-emergency calls for medical services on Public Lands managed by the El Centro Field Office. The Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA)/EMS staff is specially equipped to locate, assess, package and transport sick and injured persons. Calls for medical services arise via telephone (911), transfers from other communication centers, Law Enforcement, the public and wave-downs during patrols. BLM/EMS units provide Basic Life Support (BLS) care, and transport the sick and injured via government vehicles to the nearest Advanced Life Support (ALS) transport service provider. During the 2007/2008 season, seasonal park rangers responded to 609 medical calls, 13 fatalities, 186 ambulance transports, 67 helicopter transports, and 39 rescue buggy transports.

#### **D. Location of Training Services**

Services will be conducted in the 160,000-acre Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA). The ISDRA is located in Imperial County, California, in southeastern California approximately 25 miles west of the Colorado River and immediately north of the international border between the United States and Mexico. State Route 78 and Interstate 8 provide the major access to the Imperial Sand Dunes. The City of Brawley is located 25 miles to the west and the City of El Centro 40 miles southwest.

#### **E. OHV Safety, Environmental Responsibility, and Respect Private Property**

This proposed project does not contain an education element. However, the seasonal Park Rangers regularly patrol the Dunes, make visitor contacts, and distribute safety information from the BLM and our other safety partners (United Desert Gateway, American Sand Association, and TreadLightly!)

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**1 Optional Project-Specific Application Documents**

Attachments:

[Emergency Medical Care Provided in the ISDRA.](#)

**2 Optional Project-specific Maps**

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009  
Agency: BLM - El Centro Field Office  
Application: Education & Safety

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<b>APPLICANT NAME :</b>	BLM - El Centro Field Office		
<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	Education & Safety	<b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b>	
<b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION :</b>	<p>This project would fund six OHV non-law enforcement seasonal park rangers, medical supplies, and rescue buggy maintenance which will assist in providing emergency medical services to off highway visitors in the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA).</p> <p>The OHV seasonal park rangers duties include, but are not limited to, patrol, emergency medical services / rescue, maintenance, and visitor contacts for voluntary compliance. Each year, the BLM provides training to this staff which may include, but not limited to, First Responder, EMS protocols, GPS, 4x4, radio protocols,, report writing, etc.</p> <p>Medical supplies are provided to staff and volunteers who provide emergency medical services and rescue to OHV visitors in the ISDRA.</p> <p>The BLM rescue buggies (sand rails) are high maintenance specialty vehicles. The BLM performs routine maintenance and repairs on them to ensure reliable operation the entire visitation season.</p>		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>							
<b>Program Expenses</b>							
<b>1</b>	<b>Staff</b>						
	Park Ranger Notes : GS-07 Seasonal Park Ranger (including 20% for benefits)	1036.000	22.080	HRS	22,875.00	0.00	22,875.00
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Park Ranger Notes : GS-07 Seasonal Park Ranger (including 20% for benefits)	1036.000	20.080	HRS	20,803.00	0.00	20,803.00
Recreation Planner Notes : Dunes Manager time spent providing EMS.	300.000	49.230	HRS	0.00	14,769.00	14,769.00
Recreation Planner Notes : Dunes Supervisor time spent providing EMS.	1040.000	40.910	HRS	0.00	42,546.00	42,546.00
Recreation Planner Notes : Vendor Specialist time spent providing EMS.	800.000	29.050	HRS	0.00	23,240.00	23,240.00
Park Ranger Notes : Interpretive Specialist time spent providing EMS.	1565.000	30.340	HRS	0.00	47,482.00	47,482.00
Park Ranger Notes : Permanent Park Ranger time spent providing EMS.	1565.000	26.220	HRS	0.00	41,034.00	41,034.00
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Other-Volunteer Notes : Volunteer Campground host makes public contacts and passes out safety literature.	1040.000	21.970	HRS	0.00	22,849.00	22,849.00
Other-Volunteer Notes : Volunteer Campground host makes public contacts and passes out safety literature.	1040.000	21.970	HRS	0.00	22,849.00	22,849.00
Other-Volunteer Notes : Volunteer EMT time spent assisting in providing EMS.	520.000	21.970	HRS	0.00	11,424.00	11,424.00
Other-Wilderness Specialist Notes : Wilderness coordinator time spent providing EMS on holiday weekends.	300.000	38.230	HRS	0.00	11,469.00	11,469.00
Other-NEPA Coordinator Notes : NEPA coordinator time spent providing EMS during holiday	220.000	41.050	HRS	0.00	9,031.00	9,031.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	weekends.						
	Other-Wildlife Biologist Notes : Wildlife Biologist time spent providing EMS during holiday weekends.	80.000	34.000	HRS	0.00	2,720.00	2,720.00
	Other-IT Specialist Notes : IT Specialist time spent making public assists and passing out safety literature during holiday weekends.	70.000	38.520	HRS	0.00	2,696.00	2,696.00
	Other-Real Estate Specialist Notes : Real Estate Specialist time spent providing EMS in the ISDRA.	29.050	50.000	HRS	0.00	1,453.00	1,453.00
	Park Ranger Notes : Seasonal Park Ranger time spent providing EMS.	22.080	1036.000	HRS	0.00	22,875.00	22,875.00
	Park Ranger Notes : Seasonal Park Ranger time spent providing EMS.	22.080	1036.000	HRS	0.00	22,875.00	22,875.00
	<b>Total for Staff</b>				135,178.00	340,346.00	475,524.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Contracts</b>						
	Other-US Foreset Service Contract Notes : BLM has an Assistance Agreement with US Forest Service to provide EMTs to work holiday weekends in the ISDRA.	1.000	100000.000	EA	0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
	Other-National Park Service Contract	1.000	25000.000	EA	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
	<b>Total for Contracts</b>				0.00	125,000.00	125,000.00
<b>3</b>	<b>Materials / Supplies</b>						
	Emergency Medical Supplies	1.000	25000.000	EA	10,000.00	15,000.00	25,000.00
<b>4</b>	<b>Equipment Use Expenses</b>						
	Other-Rescue Buggy Repair and Upgrades Notes : Rescue buggy repairs, maint, and upgrades are done every	2.000	10000.000		10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	year. It is unknown in advance of the exact specifications that will be required in the repair. However, it is likely systems such as suspension, steering, brakes, transaxel, engine, electronics, radios, emergency lightbars, frame, seats, safety components, and fuel systems will have to be maintained, upgraded, or repaired.						
5	<b>Equipment Purchases</b>						
6	<b>Others</b>						
	Training Notes : 4x4 Off Road Training	1.000	3000.000	EA	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
7	<b>Administrative Costs</b>						
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>					155,178.00	493,346.00	648,524.00
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					155,178.00	493,346.00	648,524.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>					<b>155,178.00</b>	<b>493,346.00</b>	<b>648,524.00</b>

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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Program Expenses</b>					
1	Staff	135,178.00	340,346.00	475,524.00	The park ranger position would not be performing enforcement activities. A BLM park ranger does not carry a gun or write citations. A park ranger's job duties include providing emergency medical services, public outreach, picking up trash, light maintenance, etc.
2	Contracts	0.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	10,000.00	15,000.00	25,000.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>		155,178.00	493,346.00	648,524.00	
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**ITEM 1 and ITEM 2**

**ITEM 1**

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)

**ITEM 2**

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

The project does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and is a continuing administrative and maintenance activity. The project is requesting funds for salaries, supplies, and vehicle maintenance. There will be no ground disturbance in this project.

**ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands**

**ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project**

**ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts**

**ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources**

**ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials**

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

**ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources**

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

**ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts**

**CEQA/NEPA Attachment**

Attachments:

[NEPA CX O&M and VSS](#)



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**1. Evaluation Criteria - Q 1.**

The Applicant is applying for the following type of Project: (Check the one most appropriate.) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ Education – Applicants shall only respond to items 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11  
☒ Safety – Applicants shall only respond to items 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14, and 15

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the cost of the Project covered by the Applicant is 10

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ 76% or more (10 points) ☐ 51% - 75% (5 points)  
☐ 26% - 50% (3 points) ☐ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

**2. Evaluation Criteria - Q 2.**

2. For Applicant's OHV Grant Projects which reached the end of the Project performance period within the last two years, the percentage of all deliverables accomplished 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ 100% of Deliverable accomplished (5 points)  
☐ 75% to 99% of Deliverables accomplished (3 points)  
☐ Less than 75% of Deliverables accomplished (No points)  
☐ First time Applicants and past Applicants with no active Grant projects within the last two years (2 points)

**3. Evaluation Criteria - Q 3. (FOR DIVISION USE ONLY)**

3. Previous Year Performance 3

(FOR DIVISION USE ONLY) (Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ In the previous year the Applicant has been responsive and communicated effectively with the assigned OHMVR Grant Administrator by phone, email or personal visit (3 points)  
☐ First time Applicants and past Applicants with no active Grant projects within the last two years (2 points)  
☐ In the previous year the Applicant has not been responsive (No points)

**4. Evaluation Criteria - Q 4.**

4. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4

(Check the one most appropriate.) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ 4 or more (4 points) ☐ 2 to 3 (2 points)  
☐ 1 (1 point) ☐ None (No points)

List partner organization(s)

Kris Chili Dog Frick Foundation, United Desert Gateway, American Sand Association, Tread Lightly!

**5. Evaluation Criteria - Q 5.**

5. The Project addresses the following types of OHV Recreation 6

(Check all that apply.) Scoring: 1 point each (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ ATV ☒ 4X4  
☒ M.C. ☒ Recreation Utility Vehicle (RUV)

- ☐ Snowmobile ☒ Dune buggy, rail  
☒ Other (Specify) [Custom Sand Vehicles, Dual Sport, SUV]

**6. Evaluation Criteria - Q 6.**

6. The Project was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 1 point each, up to a maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☐ Meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)  
☒ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)  
☒ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

Multiple conference calls have been held with multiple parties and will continue throughout the grant application process.

On January 27th, 2009, BLM staff met with the OHV leadership in the California Desert District Office to discuss grant applications. At that time, El Centro staff discussed the applications being considered for submission in the 2009 OHMVRD grant process.

**7. Evaluation Criteria - Q 7. (Education Project ONLY)**

7. The Project incorporates the following, clearly identifiable and/or measurable, elements

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☐ Process of researching issues and audience (2 points)  
☐ Objectives (2 points)  
☐ Testing process to ensure actions are effective (2 points)  
☐ Plan to implement the Project (2 points)  
☐ Evaluation and feedback of the process (2 points)

**8. Evaluation Criteria - Q 8. (Education Project ONLY)**

8. Total number of points of contact the Project is anticipated to reach

(Check the one most appropriate.) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ Greater than 10,000 (4 points) ☐ 1,000 to 10,000 (3 points)  
☐ 100 to 1,000 (2 points) ☐ 20 to 100 (1 point)  
☐ 0 to 20 (No points)

**9. Evaluation Criteria - Q 9. (Education Project ONLY)**

9. Total time a participant will have exposure to the Project's message or training

(Check the one item of highest point value that applies.) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ Greater than 2 hours (4 points)  
☐ 1 hour to 2 hours (3 points)  
☐ 5 minutes to less than 1 hour (2 points)  
☐ 1 minute to less than 5 minutes (A Project for maps will fall under this category) (1 point)  
☐ Less than 1 minute (No points)

**10. Evaluation Criteria - Q 10. (Education Project ONLY)**

10. The Project will utilize the following methods of education

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 point each up to a maximum of 14 points (Please select applicable values)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hands on training      | <input type="checkbox"/> Tool kits       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handouts               | <input type="checkbox"/> Events          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet messaging/CDs | <input type="checkbox"/> Signage         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising            | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio/TV        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community involvement  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public relations/media |  |

**11. Evaluation Criteria - Q 11. (Education Project ONLY)**

11. The Project provides direct support for delivery of ATV Safety Institute and/or Motorcycle Safety Foundation training

(Check the one most appropriate.) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☐ Yes (2 points)

**12. Evaluation Criteria - Q 12. & 13. (Safety Project ONLY)**

12. The Project will utilize personnel trained to the following level 5

(Check the one most appropriate.) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ Emergency Medical Technician level, or higher (5 points) ☐ First Responder level (2 points)  
☐ First Aid and CPR (1 points) ☐ No training (No points)

13. The Project will provide search and rescue as follows 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 24 hours, 7 days per week (5 points) ☒ Less than 24 hours, 7 days per week (4 points)  
☐ Less than 24 hours, less than 7 days per week (2 points) ☐ On special occasions/events only (No points)

**13. Evaluation Criteria - Q 14. (Safety Project ONLY)**

14. The Project will have the majority of personnel trained in the following areas 14

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each up to a maximum of 16 points (Please select applicable values)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radio communication | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tracking skills                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Avalanche rescue               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Navigation training                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swift water rescue  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATV certification                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog handling                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle certification                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rope skills                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 x 4/Off-Road training                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wilderness search and rescue   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) [Rescue Buggy Training] |

**14. Evaluation Criteria - Q 15. (Safety Project ONLY)**

15. The Project will have resources that are equipped and trained for rescue in the following environmental conditions\* 6

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Type 1 – Extreme Condition (including but not limited to): Altitude (generally 7000 feet+) or Snow, Ice, Desert, Heat, Heavy ground cover, Steep difficult terrain. (2 points)  
☒ Type 2 – Rugged Terrain. Rugged conditions, Altitude (generally under 7000 feet), Heat, Cold concerns, Moderate to heavy ground cover. (2 points)  
☒ Type 3 – Moderate/Gentle Terrain. Gently rolling terrain, Open spaces, Maintained trailheads, and Agricultural areas. (2 points)

- ☐ Type 4 – Urban. High traffic, Urban office complexes, man-made surfaces, Public interaction and Park trails.  
(2 points)

**\* From the Governor's Office of Emergency Services – Mutual Aid Guidelines, Search and Rescue, Off-Highway Vehicles**